

lands; unless such person, his heirs or assigns shall have paid to the sheriff of the county in which said lands lie, prior to the twenty-first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, all the arrearages of taxes due on said lands, with interest thereon from the time the taxes ought to have been paid.

20. In all controversies and suits for any of the swamp lands, to which the said corporation or their assigns shall be a party, the title to the said lands shall be taken and deemed to be in the said corporation or their assigns, until the other party shall show that he hath a good and valid title to the said lands in himself.

Presumption of title in favor of board of literature or their assigns.

21. No statute of limitation shall affect the title or bar the action of the said corporation, or their assigns, unless the same would protect the person holding and claiming adversely against the State.

Board barred by time, only when the State is.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

22. The nett annual income of the literary fund shall be annually distributed among the several counties of the State in the ratio of their federal population, to be ascertained by the census next preceding such distribution.

Income of the literary fund, how distributed.

23. There shall be appointed a superintendent of common schools for the State, to be chosen by the General Assembly, and to hold his office two years from the time of his election, and until his successor is duly appointed. The courts of pleas and quarter sessions of the several counties, (a majority of the justices being present) at the term held next after the last day of December, in each year, shall appoint not more than ten, nor less than five superintendents of common schools for their county, whose term of office shall begin on the third Monday of April succeeding their appointment, and continue for one year, and until others have been appointed and entered upon their office.

A superintendent of common schools, for the State, to be elected by the General Assembly.

24. The superintendents shall meet on the third Monday in April as aforesaid, and elect one of their number chairman.

Chairmen.

25. The chairman of the board of superintendents, before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall give bond, with good and sufficient security, payable to the State of North-Carolina, in such sum as the board may deem reasonable and adequate, conditioned for the faithful application of the funds that may come to his hands, and the discharge of all his duties; which bond shall be filed with the clerk of the county court; and the chairman shall be allowed to retain not exceeding two and one half per centum of the moneys which shall pass through his hands, as a compensation for his services.

Chairman to give bond.

His compensation.